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12:1 For thine uncorruptible spirit is in all things.
12:2 Therefore chastenest thou them by little, and little, that offend, and warnest them by putting them in remembrance, wherein they have offended, that leaving their wickedness

they may believe
on thee O Lord.
12:3 For it was thy will
to destroy by the
hands of our fathers,
both those old
inhabitants of thy
holy land,
12:4 Whom thou
hatedst for doing
most odious works
of witchcrafts, and
wicked sacrifices;
12:5 And also those

merciless murderers of children, and devourers of man's flesh, and the feasts of blood;
12:6 With their Priests out of the midst of their idolatrous crew, and the parents that killed with their own hands, souls destitute of help:
12:7 That the land, which thou

esteemedst above all other, might receive a worthy colony of Gods children.

12:8 Nevertheless, even those thou sparedst as men, and didst send wasps forerunners of thine host, to destroy them by little and little.

12:9 Not that thou wast unable to bring the ungodly under the

hand of the righteous in battle, or to destroy them at once with cruel beasts, or with one rough word:

12:10 But executing thy judgments upon them by little and little, thou gavest them place of repentance, not being ignorant that they were a naughty generation, and that their malice, was bred

in them, and that their cogitation would never be changed.

12:11 For it was a cursed seed, from the beginning, neither didst thou for fear of any man give them pardon for those things wherein they sinned.

12:12 For who shall say, What hast thou done? or who shall withstand

thy judgment, or who shall accuse thee for the nations that perish, whom thou made? or who shall come to stand against thee, to be revenged for the unrighteous men?
12:13 For neither is there any God but thou, that careth for all, to whom thou mightest shew that

thy judgment is
not unright.
12:14 Neither shall king
or tyrant be able to set
his face against thee,
for any whom thou
hast punished.
12:15 Forsomuch then
as thou art righteous
thyself, thou orderest
all things righteously:
thinking it not
agreeable with thy
power to condemn

him that hath not deserved to be punished.

12:16 For thy power is the beginning of righteousness, and because thou art the Lord of all, it maketh thee to be gracious unto all.

12:17 For when men will not believe that thou art of a full power, thou shewest thy

strength, and among them that know it, thou makest their boldness manifest.
12:18 But thou, mastering thy power, judgest with equity, and orderest us with great favour: for thou mayest use power when thou wilt.
12:19 But by such works hast thou taught thy people,

that the just man should be merciful, and hast made thy children to be of a good hope, that thou givest repentance for sins. 12:20 For if thou didst punish the enemies of thy children, and the condemned to death with such deliberation, giving them time and place,

whereby they might be delivered from their malice.

12:21 With how great circumspection didst thou judge thine own sons, unto whose fathers thou hast sworn, and made covenants of good promises?

12:22 Therefore whereas thou dost chasten us, thou

scourgest our enemies a thousand times more, to the intent that, when we judge, we should carefully think of thy goodness, and when we ourselves are judged, we should look for mercy.

12:23 Wherefore, whereas men have lived dissolutely and unrighteously, thou

hast tormented them with their own abominations.

12:24 For they went astray very far in the ways of error, and held them for gods (which even among the beasts of their enemies were despised) being deceived as children of no understanding.

12:25 Therefore unto

them, as to children without the use of reason, thou didst send a judgment to mock them.

12:26 But they that would not be reformed by that correction wherein he dallied with them, shall feel a judgment worthy of God.

12:27 For look, for what things they grudged

when they were punished, (that is) for them whom they thought to be gods; now being punished in them; when they saw it, they acknowledged him to be the true God, whom before they denied to know: and therefore

came extreme damnation upon them.